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WATCH KEPT ON DYNAMITERS

BUILDING TRADES TELL OF 40 THUGS IN THE UNION

Left Over From Sam Parks Days-Complaint That Some Policemen Are Friend-Her to Violence Than to Order-Men Caught With Dynamite Remanded.

The Building Trades Employers' Association says it has had a secret service watching the operation of the gang of dynamiters working against the Post & McCord jobs, and reports that it knew on Saturday morning that an attempt was to be made on Saturday night to blow up the uncompleted building at 304 East Twenty-third street. The police received information to that effect later in the day. There was a conference between the Headquarters men and some representatives of the Building Trades Employers' Association. It was decided then that the shadows from Headquarters following the conspirators, who had agreed to meet at Twenty-third street and Third avenue, should let the dynamiters go as far as safety permitted, but should take no chances with letting that blast go off in a thickly populated district like East Twenty-third street.

This caused the arrest, by some considered premature, of Thomas Weir, Charles Moran and John Guthrie. They had been seen to bury a satchel containing dynamite in a sand pile near the river; Moran had been reconnoitring the premises from a building in Second avenue, and Guthrie had ten pounds of dynamite and a fuse on his person. The detectives were simply afraid to let them go further. If the derrick on this job had been blown up it might have popped straight up into the air and come down on the lodging house next door, which it would have gone through like a hot wire through butter.

At any rate, the Building Trades Em-Association is comparatively ployers' pleased, for in the six dynamitings in two years on buildings in process of erection by firms that have differences with the Housesmiths and Bridgemen's Union this comes the nearest to an effective capture. The secret service of the employers has been rounding the case up and expects to spring a sensation in a few days.

A member of the association who is practically in charge of the secret service said

vesterday: "I can't say just now what we will bring forth, but we have a few things up our sleeves. I am not prepared to say that the officers of the union have sanctioned these attempts at crime; I am certain that the rank and file do not favor them. Whether there are any officers of the union implicated I am not prepared to say just now. There can be no motive except simple revenge. If they are in their senses, the members of the union and their well wishers cannot expect that such outrages will win them public sympathy or will cause the employers to yield to their demands.

"The fact is that there are about forty men, all well known to us and to the police, who have been behind all the assaults on non-union men, and probably behind all the dynamite cases. These men are the leavings of the old Sam Parks influence in the union. It is the last gasp of Sam Parks. We are closing in on them. Already we have fourteen of them under indictment for crimes of violence, like assault, growing out of this late strike. Marx, who was sent to State prison for compensated the matter will be dropped. union watchman, was one of them. We hope to send others after him. These forty have beautiful records known to the

"The question arises, if these men are so well known, why are they allowed to meet, to influence the unions and to plot violence almost openly? There's a lot of our troubles in the answer to that question.

"We can't get from the police the help we ought to have. Now understand me; I don't say that Commissioner Bingham isn't a good man and that he isn't trying to help, for he is. So is the District Attorney. The trouble is with the rank and file. They don't want to touch these cases. They can't refuse, but they can dally along doing nothing. I don't know just why. I can only quote you the facts together with a few specific instances.

"One evening two or three weeks ago a gang of non-union laborers left the new theatre building at Forty-fifth street and Broadway. If you remember, there was an attempt to dynamite the derrick in that excavation, and it has been a centre of trouble. These workmen looked across the street and saw a number of the thugs of the ironworkers waiting to 'entertain' them. Near by stood a policeman of the traffic squad. One of the non-union men approached him and said:

'We are non-union men and those are strikers across the street. Will you guard us until we pass them?'

"These are about the words of his answer: " 'Gwan, you blank, blank, blank of blank scabs! I ain't in the force to guard the likes of you. Go on across alone, and I hope they kick your blank heads off!'

"Six of the men took his number. Our records show what it is. "I went down to the headquarters of the traffic squad to see about it. I approached the sergeant at the desk, told my story,

and entered complaint against officer number so-and-so of the traffic squad. "He called the doorman into consultation, and they examined the books for fifteen minutes before announcing that No. Soand-So was not on beat that afternoon. There was nothing in it. He hinted that I had better get out. I told him that officer No. So-and-So was certainly on post at

Forty-fifth street and Broadway on that day, and that six men had taken the number. Then they searched for another fifteen minutes and announced that No. So-and-So was on duty, but at Thirty-fourth street and Sixth avenue. I told them that he wasn't, and that my next move would be to find the Commissioner. Then, at last,

they discovered that there had been an error in the books and that he was on duty at Forty-fifth street and Broadway. "One day an entertainment party from the strikers chased a non-union man to the door of his lodging house, where a

number of non-union men live. He was cornered; so he drew a revolver and held them off. Of course, he had no legal right to be carrying that revolver without permission. But if you and I lived in the danger of being killed that he lives in we would

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TOKIO AROUSED BY A HOAX. Warning of Disaster by an Earthquak Spreads Through the City.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 26.-The Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph says that accordng to a popular superstition, based on an old calendar which denominates 1906 as the "Year of the Kicking Horse," innumerable disasters are impending in Japan. It has been predicted for some time that Tokio would be destroyed by an earthquake or tidal wave and when there was a series of earthquakes on Friday and Saturday, which caused several buildings to collapse, there

was general alarm. This prepared the way for an elaborate hoax, of which the whole population, including the Emperor and Prince Arthur of Connaught, were the victims. Some unknown persons, representing themselves to be at the Central Observatory, telephoned n all directions Saturday afternoon, giving warning that there would be terrible shocks involving the demolition of the city.

In a few minutes the whole telephone system was busy. The newspaper offices were besieged by people who had hastened to warn friends. The observatory was thronged by inquirers. The report reached the Emperor, who was alarmed until he sent messenger and ascertained the facts.

Prince Arthur, the diplomatists and a crowd of high personages were attending a concert in Uveno Park when the ominous message was brought to the imperial master of ceremonies. He communicated with the British Ambassador, who went to the concert platform and whispered to the director to hurry the performance as a terrible disaster was impending. Nobody else was told lest there be a panic, but only the first part of the concert was performed The audience left without knowing the reason for the curtailment of the programme.

While this was proceeding the city was errified by the awful prognostication. It was announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Immediately all fires were extinguished. The members of the House rushed into the open. The same thing happened at conferences of the great political parties, which were in

Merchants left their shops and went into the streets. Some people packed their valuables and prepared to flee. Others ran through the streets, while still others rode in tram cars to the suburbs. Many went to Hibiva Park, prepared to spend the night there. Professors ceased lecturing and employees were ordered to leave the factories. Many tea houses refused to receive guests and the Geishas declined to dance.

Although extra editions of the newspapers were issued containing the authoritative statement that while it was always necessary to be ready there was nothing scientifically to warrant the report, it was not until Sunday that it was realized that the whole scare was a hoax.

VANDERBILT IS FREED. Boy Injured by American's Auto Not to Press the Case.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, Feb. 25.-No unpleasant consequences are likely to result from the Vanderbilt incident, as the injured boy will recover in ten days. Hence, according to the Italian law, there will be no direct prosecution except at the request of the damaged party, and as he has been amply Mr. Vanderbilt is not liable to prosecution for carrying a revolver, as he has a license

Mr. Vanderbilt was formally released to-day and was escorted by carbineer and police to the station, where he took a train for Pisa. He gave \$40 to the Pontedera ambulance fund.

It is stated that Mr. Vanderbilt has decided to take no action against his assailants. Mrs. Vanderbilt has quite recovered from her shock and fright.

GENEVA. Feb. 25 .- Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, while travelling in an automobile from Paris to this city, got stuck in the snow after leaving Macon. They left the automobile and walked to the nearest station. Horses were sent after the car.

MURDER IN CHILEAN LEGATION. Secretary Kills the Charge d'Affaires at

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BRUSSELS, Feb. 25 .- There are numerous reports regarding the motive of Senor Waddington, son of the Chilean Chargé d'Affaires here, for shooting Señor Balmaceda, Secretary of the Chilean Consulate. According to one of them, Balmaceda compromised the murderer's sister and then refused to carry out his promise to marry her. Another is that Balmaceda was betrothed against his will, and declared that he would never marry Seforita Wadding-

Balmaceda was the son of the Chilean Minister of the Interior and a grandson of grandnephew of President Balmaceda who committed suicide in 1891. The murderer is still in the legation, which is surrounded by police. Orders have been sent to the police at the ports to watch all persons embarking on outgoing steamships. Balmaceda was 20 years old, and Señorita Waddington 19. The latter is prostrated and a doctor is attending her. There is great indignation among the populace, The police sometimes have difficulty in keeping the crowd at a respectful distance

from the legation. It is believed young Waddington will be lynched if he is caught on the streets. It is understood that Belgium demands that he be delivered to the authorities. It is expected that his father will resign the

RAID ON CUBAN RURAL GUARD. Sergeant and One Private Killed and Others

Wounded in Havana Suburb.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Feb. 25 .- At half past 2 o'clock this morning a group of armed men, estimated to number twenty or twenty-five, attacked the rural guard at the station at Guanabacoa, a suburb of Havana, where fourteen guards were sleeping.

The gang divided into two groups, one entering the quarters, where they found the guards unprepared for an attack. The sergeant in command and one guard were killed, and six were wounded. The other group seized nine saddled horses and disappeared, after wounding a policeman.

The gang is said to have shouted "Long live the Constitutional Liberal party! Down with the rural guard!" Troops are pursuing them. The affair is regarded as nothing more than an isolated outrage. A negro policeman of the name of Meranda is said to be at the head of the party.

DROPS DEAD AFTER ARREST.

SHOCK TOO MUCH FOR UNION TREASURER SHELLEY.

He Was Charged With Misappropriating \$1.800 and Had Dodged a Warrant Since Jan. 3-Finally Recognized in a Theatre and Found in a Boarding House

Edward J. Shelley of 339 Ninth street, Brooklyn, treasurer of New York Photo-Engravers' Union No. 1, died yesterday just after a warrant had been served upon him. The warrant charged misappro-priation of \$1,854.78 of the union's funds. Some time ago the officers of the union had a summons served on Shelley, but it is said he paid no attention to the matter. This was tried again with the same result, so on January 3, on complaint of Otto Bartels, Magistrate Baker issued a warrant for Shelley's arrest. The warrant was given to Patrolman John F. Donohue of the Criminal Court squad. He made four or five attempts to get Shelley, but never found him at home.

Yesterday morning the president of the union, A. Andonian of 187 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, came to Donohue and told him he had located Shelley. On Saturday night a member of the union saw Shelley in a theatre, trailed him to his Ninth street home, where he stopped but a few minutes, and then to a boarding house kept by Mrs. Mary Fisher at 231 Clinton street, Brooklyn Donohue accompanied Andonian to the

Clinton street house, but Mrs. Fisher said there was no one there named Shellev. She was asked if some one had not taken rooms there recently, and said that a couple who gave the name Edwards had come there Friday. They went to Edwards's oom and found Shelley.

When Donohue informed Shelley that he was under arrest the man protested his innocence. Andonian told him that every thing would come out all right, that the officers only wanted him to replace the money, and that on his making arrangement to that end he would probably be released.

Shelley had gone pale and appeared considerably disturbed, but he braced up and finished dressing, paying particular attention to the set of his tie. He then asked:

"Where are you going to take me?" Donohue replied: "You'll have to go to the Elizabeth street station to be detained for the night."

Shelley sat down with pencil and paper and wrote a note to his wife, then taking pipe and tobacco from the mantel he walked to the door, pausing only to drink a glass of water at a table. On the threshold he paused to fit the key in the lock. His hand rembled and Donohue offered to lock the loor for him. At that moment Shelley sank down. Donohue caught him in his arms and laid him on the floor.

Donohue ran to the Long Island College Hospital, a short distance away, and brought back Dr. Watson of the hospital staff. The doctor worked over Shelley for half an hour, but could do nothing. Mrs. Shelley, who had been to church, returned just before her husband died.

Dr. Watson said death was due to an epileptic fit, aided by a weak heart, under the pressure of excitement. The Coroner's office was notified, and Coroner's Physician Dr. Emil F. Hastings viewed the body last night. He learned from Mrs. Shelley that her husband had long suffered from kidney trouble, and said that a man sufwas liable to drop dead in the event of shock or excitement. He thought that was the case with Shelley. The body was removed to the Ninth street house last

Shelley was 34 years old and had been married about eight months.

LONGWORTHS OFF TO SANTIAGO. President's Daughter to Visit the Battlefields There.

HAVANA, Feb. 25 .- Mr. and Mrs. Longworth left on a special train at 9 o'clock to-night. Before going they visited the fronton, where Mrs. Longworth threw a rose to Macala, the famous pelota player, who won the second part of the game. Subsequently they drove for an hour on the Prado and came back covered with confetti, this being the first day of the carnival. Immense crowds were on the streets. This evening Mr. and Mrs. Longworth were guests at a dinner given by Secretary of State O'Farrel. Minister Mor gan was also present.

While in Santiago the couple will visit the battlefields. They will return on Thursday, when they will leave for the

GUARDS DOUBLED AT PEKIN. Precautions Taken Against the Threatened

Outbreak There. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PEKIN, Feb. 25.-Chinese newspapers here and elsewhere continually print reports of America's military preparations in anticipation of trouble in China. They

describe the action as most unfriendly Owing to rumors predicting an outbreak here the guards have been doubled. Troops protect the residences of high officials The police are armed with rifles instead

FIVE KILLED BY BOMBS. Desperate Fight Follows Raid by the Odessa Police.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ODESSA, Feb. 25 .- Police and Cossacks raided a Jewish house in Triugolnyi Lane, where it was suspected a bomb factory was located. The inmates resisted desperately. Several bombs were exploded and five persons were killed, including the police commissary. Twenty-three were injured. Forty arrests were made.

HOLDS HER SON AS HOSTAGE. Police Looking for Second Husband Who

Would Make Wife Take Him Back. Mrs. Elsie Shannon of 161 East 128th street set the police of the East 126th street station looking for her husband, James, and her nine-year-old son Walter late last

"The boy I have not seen since this morning," she said, "and I believe his stepfather ing," she said, "and I believe his stepfather has taken him away. I married Shannon five years ago. He got to abusing me, and five months ago I sent him away and told him I would make my own living. "Shannon came around at '11 o'clock tonight and said he knew where the boy was, but that I should never see him unless I made up with him and began living with him again. I don't want to live with him, but I do want the boy."

The police were unable to find either

The police were unable to find either Shannon or the boy last night.

SLEEP WALKER'S FATAL FALL. WILL OVERHAUL RATE BILL. Wife Saw Him Tumble Out of Sixth Story Window-Panie in House.

A man who fell in his sleep out of a sixth story window in the flat house at 414 East Seventy-fourth street early vesterday morning was killed by the fall, His death caused panie in the neighborhood.

Lawrence McCarty, 40 years old, a laborer. was the man. He lived with his wife and three small children. He had been a somnambulist for years and often wandered about the flat in his sleep.

About 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. McCarty was awakened by the sound of footsteps in the kitchen. She arose and quietly got a pitcher of water. She crept into the kitchen and saw her husband sitting on the sill of the kitchen window leading to an airshaft. Mrs. McCarty stood spellbound. Before she could move McCarty with a shout fell out the window to the courtyard.

Mrs. McCarty screamed and awoke the children, who also began to scream. The noise woke up the tenants. Some one shouted "Fire!" and a panic followed, all hands rushing scantily clad to the street.

The janitor, Meyer Rothstein, who sleeps in the basement, heard McCarty's body strike the pavement. He rushed out and found him lying unconscious. Rothstein ran to get a policeman and found Patrolman Neville of the East Sixty-seventh street station holding fast to a scantily clad man who was begging to be allowed to turn in an alarm of fire.

In the house excited men and hysterical women were all trying to find out just what had happened. Neville decided it was no one man job and turned in a call for help. The reserves had an hour's hard work before the excited tenants were persuaded to return to their rooms.

Meanwhile a Presbyterian Hospital ambulance surgeon pronounced McCarty dead.

UPSET BY JOLTS FROM THE SEA. Whole Family on La Touraine Sent Flying

-Mrs. Deming Hurt on the New York. The thumping of crested waves caused many upsets aboard the American liner New York and the French steamship La Touraine, in vesterday a day late.

A. Ortuzar, the new Chilean Consul-General to the United States, who arrived by La Touraine with his wife, his secretary, four children and a governess, was at dinner in the saloon with all his party when a comber boxed the ship and sent her reeling. The whole family were thrown out of their chairs. Little Miss Ortuzar and one of the boys were cut on the forehead and bruised, and when they landed yesterday they wore bandages. Valenti Paoli and Parda Lugi, steerage passengers, were hurt by falls. Other passengers by La Touraine were Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Bugbee, J. S. Ewart, Count R. de Freminet and

Dr. Aimé La Montagne. An unexpected and very heavy roll of the New York projected Mrs. H. V. Deming and two other women who were sitting on a lounge in the library more than half way across the room. The other women were merely jarred but Mrs. Deming's knee was bruised. Berne Nadall was thrown down and his wrist was wrenched. The Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha missed much of the sea jolting. She

brought seven performing sea lions for the Hippodrome. Among her passengers were Hugh Reid Griffin, Charles H. Sanford, C R. Baldwin, Bernard C. Jackson, Richard Butt and Capt. Woodward.

LANDSLIP BLOCKS ERIE. Engineer on Greenwood Lake Division

Stops His Train Just in Time. The engineer of the first train running on the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie Railroad yesterday closed his throttle and put on the brakes in a nervous hurry near Hewitt station, nine miles out from Greenwood Lake. The train was brought to a stop with a jerk that threw the passengers from their 'seats, but they didn't mind the jostling when they got out and

earned the reason. "It's a lucky thing for me and you and the finances of the Erie Railroad," the engineer told them, "that this is Sunday and the train leaves at 9 o'clock, in broad daylight, instead of in the dusk of the early morning. Just look up the track a hundred feet and tell me what you think of that big pile of dirt and boulders which I'd have gone plumb into if the train had been running on a week day schedule. Don't mind those bruises I gave you. Thank

God you're alive." The passengers looked and agreed with the engineer. Directly ahead of them in a fifty foot cut known as Henderson's cut the track was covered to a depth of twenty feet with dirt and big boulders. Some time during the night or early morning the bank on one side of the cut had caved in probably loosened by the frost and rain, and over five hundred tons of rock and dirt had slid down on the track.

A wrecking crew in charge of Supt. Elston of the New York division, which includes he Greenwood Lake division, was sent out from Jersey City to clear the track. The men found they had to clear away in addition to the dirt three boulders weighing together over three hundred tons. They sent back for dynamite and blasted and shovelled all day without finishing the job. Toward evening Mr. Elston said he would have the track in shape for traffic his morning.

The Greenwood Lake division is a single rack road running twenty-nine miles from Midvale to Greenwood Lake. Commuters furnish the bulk of the road's passenge traffic and trains on Sundays are few. In order to handle the traffic vesterday trains were run from Midvale to the cut and passengers transferred to and from trains from Greenwood Lake on the other side of the out.

FELL IN FROM HAWSER.

Took Two to Save Man Who Tried to Walk a Rope to Tugboat.

While trying to do tightrope stunts along a hawser in an effort to board the tug A. E. Randerson at the foot of East Twenty-ninth street last night Robert Barker of 506 First avenue tumbled into the river. Walter White of 411 East Twenty-ninth street, a friend of Barker's umped in after him.

White couldn't swim much better than Barker and both men were almost exhausted when Policeman Joe Quinn of the East Thirty-fifth street station heard their cries and took a header off the wharf. Quinn managed to keep the men afloat until Inspector Kern of the Street Cleaning Department, who has an office on the pier

threw them a rope.

Quinn and White were none the worse for the bath, but Barker had very little life left in him. A Bellevue doctor pumped him out and took him to the hospital.

TILLMAN SAYS SENATE WILL LICK IT INTO SHAPE

But Will Take a Long Time to Do the Job-Resents the Suggestion That He May Go to the White House to Find Out What the President Thinks About It.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- The programme of the preliminaries to railway rate legislation in the Senate to-morrow promises to be very brief. Senator Tillman, who will report the Hepburn rate bill to the Senate said to-night that he would make a brief oral statement when the call for reports of committees was in order and would send the Hepburn bill to the Vice-President's desk, together with the printed testimony taken before the Committee on Interstate Commerce. He will announce also that at an early day he will ask the Senate to make the bill the unfinished business.

Immediately after that Senator Tillman will leave for South Carolina, to be absent a week. The involuntary sponsor of the Hepburn bill will not even be present Wednesday to guard the measure when Senator Foraker, following a suggestion of Mr. Tillman's in debate some time ago, undertakes "to run a freight train" loaded with constitutional objections through the

Serator Tillman showed some impatience this evening when he was asked if he had seen the President. He replied that he had not been to the White House since the bill was committed to his keeping, and saw no necessity for going.

President has performed his full official duty in connection with the bill," said Senator Tillman. "He has nothing more to do with it unless it comes before him as an act of Congress for his approval or veto. The Senate alone has the say

Asked concerning the reports that the bill might be passed without amendment, Mr. Tillman replied:

"Oh, it will be amended. Everybody in the House wanted to amend the bill. It wasn't entirely satisfactory to anybody who voted for it. In the Senate it will take a long time to lick it into shape."

Ex-Senator William E. Chandler has had several conferences with Mr. Tillman since the bill was intrusted to the South Carolina Senator. They were together a considerable time this evening. Mr. Chandler has positive views on rate legislation and opposes the court review proposed. He and Senator Tillman served together on the Interstate Commerce Committee when Mr. Chandler was in the Senate.

REDISTRICTING BROOKLYN. Woodruff Is Superintending-Republicans

Hope to Gain in Senate Apportionment. Former Lieutepant-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff will spend considerable time in Brooklyn this week. Experts are now engaged in mapping out the Senate districts, as Kings county is to have an additional Senator next fall. There will also be several new Assembly districts, but

these will not be mapped out until the Senate districts are arranged. A committee of seven on apportionment has been appointed by Chairman Brenner of the Republican executive committee. This committee will carefully inspect the report of the experts and will try to arrange the districts so that the Republicans will be benefited in the new apportionment. Mr. Woodruff will supervise the entire

matter. Election Commissioner Michael J. Dady is also back in town, having returned from Cuba on Friday. He also is interested in the new apportionment. Many of the Assembly district leaders are fighting to get in Senate districts which will be absolutely Republican and all kinds of political wires are being pulled.

HUNG AROUND WEST SIDE BANK. Police Think Man With Prison Record Is a Jostler-President Tietjens's Loss.

Christian F. Tietjens, president of the West Side Bank, at Eighth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, was in the West Side court resterday as complainant against Paddy Hill, alias Howard, who was nabbed in the bank Saturday afternoon by Detective Sergeants Munday and Fogarty. Hill, who has a prison record of some length, was seen hanging around the paying teller's window for some time. The de-tectives didn't believe he was there for

any good purpose.

They have been watching the bank since Mr. Tietjens complained a week ago that three men bumped into him and relieved him of his pocketbook containing \$200. He was boarding an Eighth avenue car, and didn't notice his loss until he had reached his home at 59 West Eighty-sixth street.

The detectives told Magistrate Cornell that Hill was acting as spotter in the bank, waiting until he saw some one of the bank's customers leave with a good sized roll in a pocket easy of access. Then his plan was to hustle to a nearby saloon, tip off a couple of pals, and await an opportunity to annex the money. him of his pocketbook containing \$200

Hill told the Magistrate that he wanted to engage counsel, so the case was postponed until to-day.

FARMHAND SHOT AND KILLED. Accidental Discharge of a Gun in the Hand of His Employer's Son

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 25 .- Silas Kipp, a farmhand, 60 years old, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by the eightyear-old son of Fred L. Tripp, a farmer at Pulver's Corners, near Pine Plains. Kipp at Pulver's Corners, near Pine Plains. Ripp was on the way from the barn to the house when a bullet from a rife in the boy's hands penetrated his chest and lodged over the heart. Kipp exclaimed "I'm shot!" and sank to the ground with a groan. The boy, who was an innocent cause of the shooting, called for help. His father arrived in a few moments. Kipp was then dead.

dead.

Mr. Tripp's little son had a rifle of small calibre. He took it out of the house this afternoof and was walking through the bushes about thirty feet from the house. The weapon was accidentally discharged. Kipp happened to be in line with the path of the bullet and only a few feet away. Kipp was an old employee of the Tripps and he and the boy were great friends. and he and the boy were great friends

Minister Pardo of Peru Thrown From His Horse. Washington, Feb. 25.—Felipe Pardo

Minister of Peru, was thrown from his horse

yesterday while following the Chevy Chase Club foxhounds and dislocated his shoulder The accident was caused by the loss stirrup. At the time he was thrown the Min-ister and the rest of the hunters were going at a good clip, near the Conduit road, west of Georgetown. He was taken to a farm-house, where his injuries were dressed, and was afterward removed to his apartments in the Rochambeau, on Connecticut avenue, near I street. Mr. Pardo is resting comfortably to-night.

O'BRIEN, CHAIRMAN?

Latest Talk About New Head for the State Committee.

The very latest in Republican State circles concerning a chairman of the State committee to succeed Mr. Odell is John F. O'Brien, "Thousand Legged John" as the No Intention, It Is Explained, to Attack Republicans of northern New York facetiously call him. Mr. O'Brien is serving his second term as Secretary of State and according to precedent cannot be renominated on the Republican State ticket this fall. He lives at Westchazy, Clinton county, and is State committeeman for the Twentysixth district, which comprises the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin and St. Lawrence.

The news concerning Mr. O'Brien came out yesterday after a gathering of several of Mr. O'Brien's friends at the Metropolitan Club the night before. Mr. O'Brien, it was pointed out by these Republicans, is the friend of President Roosevelt and of Gov. Higgins, as well as of Mr. Odell, Frank S. Black and William Barnes, Jr. As one of the Republicans put it:

"John is one of the slickest politicians of the new school in the party. He is neither the enemy nor the friend of any man in the party. He is 'in' with all and 'out' with none, and that is why we laughingly call him 'Thousand Legged John.'"

KAISER HAS FAITH IN ARMY. Replies to an Address Congratulating Him on Silver Wedding.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Feb. 25 .- The celebration of the Kaiser's silver wedding began to-day, when the imperial family attended services at the cathedral. The crowds on the streets cheered them. Afterward there was a series of receptions to the diplomats, federal councillors and other officials.

Replying to the Regent of Brunswick, who congratulated the Kaiser on behalf of the army and navy, his Majesty said: "My first and last thought is for my fighting forces by land and sea, and the constant endeavor of the Empress is to work to provide for the alleviation of want and sickness among them. May God grant that war does not come. Should it come, however, I am firmly convinced that the army will acquit itself as it did thirtyfive years ago."

URGES GERMANY TO COMPROMISE. Austria Takes Step to Bring About an Agreement at Algeeiras.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Feb. 25 .- Semi-official newspapers say that Austria has taken steps at Berlin to induce Germany to meet the French demands regarding the police in Morocco. Some usually well informed papers profess that the representations thus made were very pressing, including a refusal to continue to support Germany at Algeciras unless our policy is changed.

INSANE MARQUIS HELD.

Lunaey Commissioners Deny His Mother's Plea for His Release.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 25.-The Lunacy Commissioners have definitely refused to release the Marquis of Townshend. The Dowager Marchioness declares that her son is the victim of a wicked, cruel plot. It is stated that his wife's family are applying to have the Marquis's estate entrusted to receivers, one of whom will probably

be the Marchioness. There are evidently matters of finance mixed up in the affair. It is asserted that the father of the Marchioness, Mr. Sutherst, undertook before his daughter's marriage to loan the Marquis £27,000 to be secured

by one of the estates. Mr. Sutherst says the loan depended upon conditions, which have not been fulfilled. There is also a question of commission, which it is stated the Marquis undertook to pay a friend on condition that he procured for him a bride who would bring him money to enable him to restore his impoverished estates. The commission was to have been 10 per cent. on the bride's contribution. The whole

matter is likely to be litigated soon. CLUNG TO RUNAWAY HORSES. Fred L. Hawthorne Bruised and Shaken in

Saving Group of Children. Fred L. Hawthorne, who lives at the Hancock Court apartments, St. Nicholas avenue and 124th street, swerved a team of runaway horses from a dozen children standing near the stairway to the 138th street station of the Third avenue elevated

railroad yesterday afternoon. The horses had dashed up Willis avenue, turned from their course to avoid a street car and were headed straight for the children. Mr. Hawthorne grabbed one of the horses by the bridle and hung on. Other men came to his assistance and between

them they stopped the horses. Hawthorne was knocked down and badly bruised, but refused medical attendance.

NEW ARREST IN N. & W. FORGERY. Smith Is the Name Given by a Man Taken

In on Saturday. Detective McConville of the Central Office arrested on Saturday night Samuel J. Humphreys of 51 Cranberry street, Brooklyn, and Douglas E. Smith of 169 Bleecker street. Humphreys is the alleged pal of Augustus Seton in the Norfolk and Western railway stock forgery case. He was out on parole and was supposed to report to either McConville or Assistant District Attorney Garvan every day. For two days he had failed to report to either of them. Mr. Garvan told McConville on Saturday afternoon

Smith has been living at the Mills Hotel, on Bleecker street. Humphreys is said to have implicated him in the case. He is said to bear a resemblance to a man named Davis whom the detectives have been looking for as one of Seton's pals. He was held in \$5,000 bail yesterday by Magistrate Baker in the Centre street court for

examination on Tuesday.

Capt. Casto Gets His Carnegie Check. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 25 .- Capt Mark Casto to-day received a check for \$1,500 from the Carnegie hero fund commission and he will use it as instructed, to ift the mortgage on his small home in

After all, Usher's the Scotch that made the highball famors. -Adr.

ARMSTRONGREPORT DEFENDED

PRICE TWO CENTS.

COMPLAINTS OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ANSWERED.

Existing Contracts by the Proposal to Prevent the Issuing of Deferred Divi-

dend Policies-New Election Plan.

The attitude of the Armstrong committee toward the objections that have been raised by the insurance companies to the committee's report was learned yesterday from an authoritative source. In the matter of deferred dividend policies, officers of the big companies have contended that it is specifically stipulated in many of their contracts that the gains should not be distributed for a number of years, in some cases twenty, and that the recommendations of the committee, if carried into effect, would result in a violation of

these contracts. The insurance officers who have raised this contention have, it was said, misinterpreted the committee's recommendations. The committee does not propose to disturb any existing contract rights. Their desire has been to avoid all conditions which might lead to a legal controversy and afford a rallying point for general opposition to the report. The report does provide that after January 1, 1907, only annual dividend policies shall be issued, but no recommendation is made for the annual distribution of dividends on poli-

cies written in former years. All that is demanded in regard to the policies in force is that the companies, when they apportion their gain, shall report to the Superintendent of Insurance the amount so apportioned, the methods employed and the reasons underlying the method. Under the committee's recommendations the policyholder, if he is not satisfied with the methods of the company, may have recourse to the courts for correction of any wrong that may have been done him.

The recommendation of the committee that all elections of New York State mutual companies shall be postponed until Novemper 15, when new boards of trustees shall be chosen to replace the old, has been criticised on the ground that it prolongs the life of the present managements for a time unnecessarily long. Instead of prolonging the life of the present trustees the proposal adds to the oppor-

tunity for retiring them. Only one-fourth of them are kept in office a few months longer than they would have been under their regular term periods. The trustees of most boards are divided into four classes; one class retiring each year. But the Armstrong committee, it is said authoritatively, had very particular reasons for postponing the annual elections until November 15. The committee wanted to avoid all possibility of having this recommendation interfere with the progress of

the bills in the Legislature. If the date

for the annual elections was set a few months

earlier opposition might have arisen at

Albany for the purpose of delaying the passage of the measure beyond the date It shouldn't be understood, it was said. that the committee anticipated any opposition, but it merely wanted to be on the safe side. It didn't believe in holding the elections in the summer time and November 15 was finally selected as the date at which the best results could be attained. present date, the committee believes will afford the companies ample time to prepare a complete list of their policyholders for the State Superintendent's office, and will give the policyholders full opportunity to act for themselves Those who are opposed to the postponement of the annual elections until November 15 have contended that all public interest

the old managements will be returned in a walkover. The man who was speaking for the Armstrong committee yesterday said the committee wanted no rash action on the part of the policyholders. The plan which the

will have abated by that time and that

committee had proposed was one which demanded sober and intelligent action. "Furthermore," said this authority, "I don't believe that the interest in insurance will have abated by that time. The interest in the insurance situation has just begun. If this meeting was postponed for a year, with the press of the country still continuing its good work, there would still be interest enough. You will find that the men who are efficient and who deserve to

stay will remain." The men who are to direct life insurance companies in the future, according to this distinguished authority, must be men who will realize that they are employees of the policyholders. Most of the trustees involved in the present insurance situations have regarded themselves as constituting

the companies. As to the criticism that the Armstrong committee had attempted to apply its recommendations to outside as well as domestic companies, the committee's spokesman said that the surest way of nullifying the proposed reforms would have been to say to one class of companies that they could do certain things and to another class that they couldn't. The spectacle of some companies doing under the law what other companies couldn't

would surely result in failure. "There is," said the speaker, "nothing better in the world for New York State to do than to establish all the companies on a sound basis. There will be such a confidence in New York companies as there never was before. Other States will have to fall in line."

Speaking of the objections to the limitation of the business, this authority said that if the big three stopped writing business altogether it would probably be the best thing that could happen for their policyholders. They have abundant reserves to take care of their policyholders without writing further insurance.

The Armstrong committee decided that a limit must be put on the business, because the companies had become so enormous that it was practically impossible to govern them. The problems of property and administration are such that some restriction is absolutely necessary. The limitation of \$150,000,000 proposed by the committee will, in the opinion of this authority, afford them an ample opportunity for keeping up a live agency force. The surplus of agents who have been employed in this tremendous competition for new business can find employment in other insurance fields.

Let them, suggested this man, take up with the smaller companies. There is room for development in that direction; and if the insurance field is really over-